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## TURKEY BREEDER HENS

January 1, 1963

February 13, 1963

### ABOUT SAME NUMBER OF TURKEY BREEDER HENS

The number of turkey breeder hens on farms in the United States January 1, 1963 totaled 3,869,000, compared with 3,866,000 a year earlier and with the 1957-61 January 1 average number of 3,654,000, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Of this number 3,502,000, were heavy breed hens, a decrease of 1 percent from the 3,546,000 on hand a year earlier. The number of light breed hens is estimated at 367,000 - up 15 percent from January 1, 1962. Compared with a year earlier, numbers of turkeys tested for pullorum disease during July through December 1962 were down 3 percent for heavy breeds but were up 21 percent for light breeds. Heavy white breed testings, which accounted for 40 percent of all heavy breeds tested July-December 1962, were 4 percent above the same period of 1961.

In October 1962 breeder flock owners in 15 of the most important States expected to hold about the same number of heavy breed hens as the previous year. Growers' reported intentions were to keep 14 percent more light breed hens than a year earlier. This compares with the January 1, 1963 inventory of a 1 percent decrease for heavy breed hens and 15 percent increase for light breed hens. Growers, as of January 1, 1963 indicated they intended to raise 3 percent more turkeys in 1963 than were raised in 1962. They planned to raise 3 percent more heavy breeds and 2 percent more light breeds. If growers raise as many turkeys as they intended as of January 1, the number of breeder hens appears adequate to supply the poults needed.

Numbers of heavy breed hens on January 1, 1963, were below last year in all regions of the country except in the East North Central and the South Central which were up by 6 percent and 3 percent respectively. Decreases were 7 percent in the South Atlantic, 5 percent in the North Atlantic, 3 percent in the West, and 2 percent in the West North Central States. The 10 leading States which accounted for 76 percent of all heavy breed hens in the Nation ranked in the order of importance were California, Minnesota, Texas, Iowa, Oregon, Wisconsin, Ohio, Missouri, North Carolina, and Michigan.

The number of light breed hens on farms January 1 totaled 367,000, compared with 320,000 on January 1, 1962. Numbers of light breed hens were above a year earlier in all regions of the country. Increases amounted to 225 percent in the North Atlantic, 31 percent in the South Central, 23 percent in the West North Central, 8 percent in the West, 5 percent in the South Atlantic, 2 percent in the East North Central regions. The 9 leading States with 86 percent of the light breed hens were Minnesota, Virginia, Ohio, Missouri, Oregon, Iowa, West Virginia, California, and Pennsylvania.

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**TURKEYS: Breeder hens on farms, January 1**

State and division	Heavy breeds			Light breeds		
	1962	1963	1963 as percent of 1962	1962	1963	1963 as percent of 1962
	Thousands	Thousands	Percent	Thousands	Thousands	Percent
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Maine	0	0	---	0	0	---
N.H.	11	11	100	0	0	---
Vt.	2	2	100	0	0	---
Mass.	23	23	100	0	0	---
R.I.	0	0	---	0	0	---
Conn.	13	13	100	0	2	---
N.Y.	28	22	79	0	0	---
N.J.	11	12	109	0	0	---
Pa.	41	39	95	4	11	275
N.Atl.	129	122	95	4	13	325
Ohio	131	143	109	41	45	110
Ind.	36	46	128	4	4	100
Ill.	32	33	103	2	1	50
Mich.	71	75	106	9	7	78
Wis.	146	146	100	1	1	100
E.N.Cent.	416	443	106	57	58	102
Minn.	480	475	99	55	74	135
Iowa	192	204	106	25	26	104
Mo.	137	132	96	26	30	115
N.Dak.	52	42	81	0	0	---
S.Dak.	12	12	100	0	2	---
Nebr.	35	30	86	1	1	100
Kans.	53	44	83	2	1	50
W.N.Cent.	961	939	98	109	134	123
Del.	2	2	100	0	0	---
Md.	10	6	60	0	1	---
Va.	82	66	80	64	69	108
W.Va.	8	7	88	21	22	105
N.C.	113	112	99	0	0	---
S.C.	38	37	97	2	1	50
Ga.	20	22	110	2	2	100
Fla.	10	10	100	9	8	89
S.Atl.	283	262	93	98	103	105
Ky.	59	64	108	0	1	---
Tenn.	14	13	93	0	0	---
Ala.	21	20	95	2	3	150
Miss.	18	16	89	1	0	---
Ark.	62	70	113	4	5	125
La.	12	11	92	0	0	---
Okla.	54	54	100	3	6	200
Texas	205	211	103	3	2	67
S.Cent.	445	459	103	13	17	131
Mont. & Idaho 1/	15	12	80	1	1	100
Wyo.	2	2	100	0	0	---
Colo.	23	17	74	1	1	100
N.Mex.	4	3	75	0	0	---
Ariz.	8	10	125	0	0	---
Utah	40	39	98	2	0	---
Nev.	---	---	---	---	---	---
Wash.	22	21	95	0	0	---
Oreg.	186	194	104	25	28	112
Calif.	1,012	979	97	10	12	120
West.	1,312	1,277	97	39	42	108
48 States	3,546	3,502	99	320	367	115
Alaska	---	---	---	---	---	---
Hawaii	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	3,546	3,502	99	320	367	115

1/ Combined to avoid disclosing individual operations.